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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES IN BERLIN

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1. REF A REPORTED OCTOBER 20 DECISION OF FRENCH COMMANDANT
TO IMPOSE BAGGAGE SECURITY MEASURES AT TEGEL AIRPORT IDENTICAL
WITH THOSE BEING INTRODUCED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. REF B
NOTED OBSERVATION BY PAN AM BERLIN MANAGER JACOBY THAT THESE NEW
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SECURITY MEASURES PLAYING HAVOC WITH SCHEDULES IN BERLIN AND
ELSEWHERE.

2. TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM IN BERLIN, PAN AM AND BRITISH AIRWAYS
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ALTERNATE BAGGAGE SECURITY MEASURES
WHICH OBIATED NEED FOR PASSENGERS TO IDENTIFY BAGGAGE AT
PLANESIDE. THE PLANESIDE IDENTIFICATION WAS A MAJOR

FACTOR IN THE DELAYS. FRENCH COMMANDANT, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT MEASURES IN BERLIN BE AS STRINGENT AS THOSE IN THE FRG. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. AND FRENCH CIVIL AVIATION ADVISERS PREVAILED UPON SENAT OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN FRG VIEWS ON ALTERNATE AIRLINE PROPOSALS. AFTER CONSULTATION WITHIN PERTINENT FRG MINISTRIES (TRANSPORTATION AND INTERIOR), SENAT RECEIVED REPLY THAT ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTABLE.

3. ON OCTOBER 24 FRENCH COMMANDANT APPROVED USE OF THIS SYSTEM AT TEGEL. IT WAS INTRODUCED THE SAME DAY BY SCHEDULED CARRIERS. SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS ARE PUTTING IT INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY SECURITY FORMS PRINTED. PAN AM AND BRITISH AIRWAYS MANAGEMENT HERE FIND NEW ARRANGEMENTS REDUCING LENGTH OF DELAYS.

4. COMMENT: WHEN SENAT FIRST PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG MINISTRIES ABOUT ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE, IT PROVIDED DRAFT TELEX WHICH "REQUESTED" THE "DECISION" OF THE FRG ON THIS MATTER. WE POINTED OUT TO THE SENAT THAT AVIATION IS ONE OF THE FIELDS IN WHICH THE ALLIES CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THEIR RESERVED RIGHTS IN BERLIN. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SENAT CHANGED ITS TELEX TO A REQUEST FOR THE "OPINION" OF THE FRG, WHICH USED THE SAME FORMULATION IN ITS RESPONSE. THIS EPISODE ILLUSTRATES, WE THINK, OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE SAME SECURITY STANDARDS IN EFFECT IN FRG WHILE MAINTAINING ALLIED AUTHORITY HERE. GEORGE
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